New Haven Oct. 6. 1837

My dear Brother

My last letter was dated at Albany about the 14th ult— I remained at that place ten days afterwards— saw our friends depart for Michigan— & felt all the desolation & loneliness occasioned by the disruption of family ties— It was for Helen the first actual abandonment of the paternal roof— & she felt it hard to make the sacrifice— for Anna, it was not an untried path but they both felt in a measure reconciled by the hope that their Parents would soon follow them—

Mrs Sprague lingered until Saturday 16th— Her death was very much deplored by the congregation & by all who knew her— She was active in all benevolent objects, amiable & estimable in all the duties of life— & withal of the most unassuming deportment— She was every thing to her husband & relieved him entirely from every domestic care —— He was exceedingly overcome the week preceding her decease— & suffered very much from nervous disease— but afterwards became composed— & when I saw him a few days before I left he spoke of his affliction with calmness & resignation— He has gone from home now, to be absent some weeks— will visit Boston Portland &c—— — I regretted leaving Mr & Mrs Woodruff in their sad & solitary condition— but I had not finished my visit here & had promised to return— I left them therefore on Monday evening of last week— but the present state of the Overslaugh is so much worse than ever before— that there is no getting over it, even in a small boat, without considerable detention— & I therefore did not reach New York, in time for the Boat of Tuesday— I came up on Wednesday & found all well— Cornelia quite recovered & looking as bright & happy as good health could make her I was the more struck with her appearance, because not having heard from N.H. in some time I feared to find her very ill —— — Charles & Nancy were prevented going to Albany before the departure of the girls, by the sickness of Cornelia, & they have therefore gone this week — They left accompanied by C— on Wednesday & expected to arrive at A— on Thursday morning They will remain there untill Monday & on their return Nancy & Cornelia will stop a few days in New York — I am rejoiced that they are gone — for I am sure that the relaxation from business will be of service to Charles — & that the journey will be for the health of all — — During their absence I am staying at Georges — The family are at present very well — Harriet is in good spirits & better health than usual & young master 'John Stone' — is one of the finest children I ever saw — He is healthy, fat & playful — & altogether Robinson in his appearance — once I saw something in his profile which reminded me of little Eddy — G— & H— are intending to go out of town next week — the latter wishing to avoid being summoned as a witness on a trial, before the Superior Court, which is to sit here at that time — The case is between Woodward & Mix for a Libel — If H's sister Mrs Smith does not go — they will probably visit Albany — — I have promised to stay in the mean time with the children — but I shall hardly find it very agreeable — Not however that the children will be in any way troublesome — the boys go to school & Louisa only is at home — but it will be somewhat lonely — & *strange* that both my brothers & sisters should be absent from N.H. at the same time — They are indeed, so far as I can see, a very orderly family — & H— says, that William has improved very much since he has attended Mr French's school in the care which he takes of his clothes — He is now desirous to look as tidy as his companions — & willing to take some pains for it — — — I came up this morning to brother Charles' thinking to find it more quiet here — & it is so — though I have ~~had~~ *one* to interrupt me Deacon Pardee from Southington called — & I learned from him that on Monday night the barn & outhouses of Barzillai Lee were destroyed by fire Mrs Hart's house was several times on fire — but finally extinguished — many other buildings were in great danger but all escaped — Town meeting had been held that day, & Mr Lee appointed elected Constable by the Whigs — He had formerly been of the other party, & some persons had threatened him very hard for changing his mind — There is but one opinion with regard to the origin of the fire & that is, that it was communicated by a son of Asahel Peck —

— New Haven has become again very peaceful — There has been no alarm of fire since two persons ~~have~~ arrested who, though not acting in concert, have probably been the cause of most of those which have occurred

Charles seems to be recovered from his panic — & to be in very good spirits — He would have written you by the 1st of the month, — but just then he was full of business — & at *this* time he would have filled part of this sheet — if at home — On Monday I went with him to Oxford about 20 miles north west of this city — It was a fine day & we expected to return at evening — but C— did not accomplish his business until it was too late to return, — & we were therefore compelled to remain until morning — In the absence of a *public* house we staid at a *private* one, & were most hospitably entertained by persons of whom we had never previously heard — Our route back led us through *Birmingham* & Derby — The former is a manufacturing village on the Housatonic, sprung up within two or three years as if by magic — The factory buildings are of a stone resembling that from East Rock — roofs of tin & everything *looking substantial* — The dwelling houses are wood, painted white —

Your letters have been forwarded to me at Albany with the exception of the last which I found on my arrival here — This was dated Aug 22nd & mailed in N.Y. Sept 22nd — I am now in daily expectation of one by the ship of the 1st Sept — but none ships of that date have yet arrived — You have been so kind to write so often that when you are farther off & more occupied — & your communications are less frequent — I shall be in a constant state of anxiety & impatience to hear from you — I am very happy to hear of your progress — & of the kind attentions you are receiving — I hope dear Eddy has not been again ill — By this time I suppose you must be on the Continent & perhaps in Germany — If so sister Theresa must be very happy —

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Afternoon — Brother George has brought me your letter of Aug 30 just arrived & I need not assure you that my heart has been exceedingly gladdened to hear again from my beloved brother & his dear family — It is very kind of you in the midst of so much excitement of mind & weariness of body to think of, & write to me so often — & I am deeply grateful for it — If my letters are of no value for any thing else they will testify to you that you are fondly remembered & loved by a sister in a land which you have for the present forsaken — May you journey be con prosperous & good health attend you — — G — says he wishes to write to you & will do so — He will probably help me to fill my next sheet the first of next month — I will not promise certainly for Charles in the mean time — but I am quite sure he will write soon — My love to sister T — Mimi, & Eddy

I am sorry poor Eddy's nurse should have proved so unfaithful —

Your devoted sister
Elisabeth

George & Harriet send love —

I think it quite as well to direct here —

Rev Edward Robinson D.D.
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